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AND MADRID, LUIS)
SUBJECT: INTERNATIONAL VISITORS PROGRAM FY 1978 - UGT
METALWORKERS TEAM

1. THE METALWORKERS FEDERATION OF THE SOCIALIST UGT HAS
BEEN DISCUSSING WITH THE LABATT THE DESIRABILITY OF
SENDING A UGT METALWORKERS GROUP TO THE US FOR A LABOR
ORIENTATION PROGRAM. INTERNAL ORGANIZATION PROBLEMS AND
THE CAMPAIGN PRESSURES OF THE CURRENT PLANT COMMITTEE
ELECTIONS HAVE DELAYED ANY CONCRETE PLANNING. NOW, HOW-
EVER, THE INDUSTRIAL FEDERATION HAS APPROACHED THE EMBASSY
WITH A SPECIFIC PROPOSAL.

2. THE UGT SUGGESTS THAT CONSIDERATION BE GIVEN TO SENDING
A THREE-MAN TEAM COMPOSED AS FOLLOWS: CARLOS PARDO, TEAM
LEADER (49-YEAR OLD UGT LABOR LEADER AND RESIDENT IMF -
INTERNATIONAL METALWORKERS FEDERATION REPRESENTATIVE FOR
SPAIN AND PORTUGAL); JOSE LUIS CORCUERO (32-YEAR OLD
ORGANIZATION SECRETARY OF UGT METALWORKERS AND STEELWORKER
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AT ALTOS HORNOS VIZCAYA PLANT IN BILBAO - MINORITY OWNER-
SHIP US STEEL); AND LUIS MADRID (29-YEAR OLD UGT TRADE
UNIONIST, AN AUTOMOBILE WORKER AT THE CHRYSLER PLANT IN
MADRID). THE MAIN PURPOSE OF THE ONE-MONTH TRIP WOULD BE
TO FAMILIARIZE THE GROUP WITH AMERICAN UNIONS AND LABOR-
MANAGEMENT RELATIONS IN GENERAL. UNTIL NOW, WHAT LITTLE
FOREIGN EXPOSURE THE UGT METALWORKERS HAVE HAD HAS BEEN

LARGELY LIMITED TO WEST GERMANY (THROUGH DBG EXCHANGE PROGRAMS).

3. THIS IS THE FIRST CASE WHERE THE UGT HAS COME TO US WITH A SPECIFIC REQUEST INVOLVING EXPOSURE TO THE AMERICAN BRAND OF TRADE UNIONISM, AND WE STRONGLY RECOMMEND A POSITIVE RESPONSE TO THEIR INITIATIVE. THE TEAM APPEARS WELL-BALANCED. PARDO IS AN EXTREMELY ENERGETIC AND SAVVY LABOR LEADER WHO IS HIGHLY REGARDED BY THE IMF AND ITS GENERAL SECRETARY, HERMAN REBHAN (UAW). CORCUERO AND MADRID ARE YOUTHFUL REPRESENTATIVES OF THE TWO PRINCIPAL SEGMENTS OF THE SPANISH METAL INDUSTRY, THE STEEL AND AUTOMOTIVE, AND BOTH MOST APPROPRIATELY HAVE LINKS WITH US FIRMS (US STEEL AND CHRYSLER). MADRID SPEAKS ENGLISH (HE ACTED AS SPOKESMAN FOR CHRYSLER WORKERS WHEN THEY MET WITH UAW PRESIDENTS WOODCOCK AND FRASER DURING THEIR SEPARATE TRIPS TO SPAIN IN 1976 AND 1977) AND HIS BROTHER IS A SOCIALIST (PSOE) DEPUTY FROM ZAMORA (DEMETRIO MADRID LOPEZ).

4. WE WOULD VISUALIZE A PROGRAM WHICH WOULD CONCENTRATE ON VISITS TO AFL-CIO HEADQUARTERS AND TO IMF-MEMBER TRADE UNIONS (THE STEELWORKER, UAW, AND IAM IMMEDIATELY COME TO MIND). AT BOTH THE NATIONAL AND LOCAL LEVELS. GIVEN THE RELATIVE INEXPERIENCE OF THE NEW CROP OF SPANISH FREE TRADE UNION LEADERS. HEAVY EMPHASIS ON ORGANIZATION, LABOR EDUCATION, AND COLLECTIVE BARGAINING IS CALLED FOR. IN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ADDITION TO POSSIBLE VISITS TO SUCH CITIES AS PITTSBURGH (STEELWORKERS) AND DETROIT (UAW). EXPOSURE TO A SMALLER AMERICAN CITY (MIDWEST OR CALIFORNIA) -- INCLUDING A UNION LOCAL AT A SMALL METAL INDUSTRY PLANT -- WOULD BE HIGHLY DESIRABLE. UAW SOCIAL-ORIENTED AND COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES IN HISPANO-AMERICAN SECTORS OF LOS ANGELES ALSO DESERVE INCLUSION. IN WASHINGTON, THE USUAL CALLS ON APPROPRIATE DEPARTMENT OF STATE AND DEPARTMENT OF LABOR OFFICIALS ARE RECOMMENDED. SOME SIGHTSEEING AND HOME HOSPITALITY WOULD ALSO BE APPRECIATED. AFL-CIO EUROPEAN REPRESENTATIVE IRVING BROWN (CURRENTLY IN WASHINGTON FOR ONLY ONE WEEK) HAS BEEN ADVISED OF THE POSSIBLE VISIT OF SUCH A SPANISH METALWORKERS TEAM, AND CAN BE APPROACHED FOR PROGRAMMING SUGGESTIONS AND ASSISTANCE IF NECESSARY.

5. WITH REGARD TO TIMING, THE GROUP WISHES TO BE BACK IN SPAIN IN TIME FOR THE UGT CONGRESS NOW TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED FOR LATE MAY 1978. AN INTERPRETER WOULD BE NEEDED.

6. IN VIEW OF THE HIGH DEGREE OF INTEREST IN THE EMERGING SPANISH FREE TRADE UNION MOVEMENT WHICH WE UNDERSTAND THE

DEPARTMENT SHARES WITH THIS MISSION AND OTHERS, WE REQUEST
THAT CONSIDERATION BE GIVEN FOR ADDITIONAL FUNDS FOR THIS
LABOR PROJECT. THIS WOULD AVOID UPSETTING THE PRIORITIES
ALREADY ESTABLISHED IN OUR FY 1978 IVP PROGRAM, PRIORITIES
WHICH WHILE INCLUDING INDIVIDUAL LABOR LEADERS DO NOT
ENCOMPASS THIS UGT REQUEST FOR A SPECIAL GROUP PROJECT
FOR PLANNING PURPOSES, APPRECIATE PROMPT REPLY. STABLER

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